# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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AGRICULTURAL CENSUS
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) when the last agricultural census was conducted in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposed to conduct another census in the near future;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a)to(d) Since 1970-71, Agricultural Censuses are conducted in the country regularly at an interval of five years. So far, five Agricultural Censuses have been completed and the sixth Agricultural Census with reference year 1995-96 (July-June) isin the process of being completed. The Government has already decided in principle to conduct the next Agricultural Census with reference year 2000-2001. This Census would be conducted through the State Governments and would be funded by the Government of India as a Central Sector Plan scheme. At present, this Census is atplanning stage and the actual field work of data collection will start after June, 2001. The Phase I of the Census inter alia provides size group-wise, gender-wise and socialgroup-wise data on number and area of agricultural holdings. Phase II of the Censusprovides data on dispersal of holdings, tenancy particulars, land utilization, cropping pattern, irrigation status, number of pumpsets, wells and tubewells etc. Whereas PhaseI of the Census is for all the holdings in the country, Phase II is carried out only in 20 per cent sample villages.